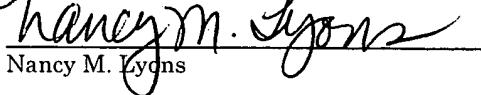


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Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's requirement of restriction and hereby elects without traverse Group I claims (claims 1 to 40 and claims 42 to 44) and the species of Figure 1 for purposes of further prosecuting this patent application. The claims that cover this species are claims 1 to 23. Applicant understands that, if the species of Figure 1 is considered allowable, the Examiner will continue to examine the entire scope of generic claims 1 and 6.

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